

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph on page 3, lines 15-23 and replace it with the following paragraph:

Figure 5A shows the double stranded DNA oligonucleotide sequences used in constructing human GDF-8 promoter-luciferase reporter constructs containing concatemers of CAAATG and GACAGC sequences. Box 1 sequence corresponds to SEQ ID NO: S 2 & 10. Box 3 sequence corresponds to SEQ ID NO: S 3 & 11. *Figure 5B* is a graph showing the luciferase activity of these constructs in RD cells. Luciferase activities are expressed as percent of control (pGL3-0.65, luciferase reporter plasmid containing 0.65 Kb of sequence upstream of the ATG site). The reporter construct pGL-0.21 is the parental plasmid of the concatemer reporter constructs. The relative luciferase activities of the reporter plasmids were normalized to the β -galactosidase activity.